

# Council Connection

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council  
empowerment • opportunity • inclusion

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## Mental Health Awareness Month Recommended Resource:

[The National Association  
for People with  
Developmental Disabilities  
\(NADD\)](#) is a good resource  
for information and support  
for people with a dual  
diagnosis.

## Quick and Insightful Reads on Dual Diagnosis:

[Co-occurring Mental Illness  
and Developmental  
Disabilities](#)

[Responding to Trauma: An  
interview with Dr. Karyn  
Harvey](#)

## Upcoming Events: Register Now!

**MAY 2015**

## Highlights 2014

### The DD Council's Annual Report



## The Un-Conference 2014

**This unique, unconventional gathering resulted in renewed energy, new connections, and new ideas leading to action!**

**More information in [Highlights](#)**

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council impacts thousands of lives each year in every region of this great state. We do so through direct activities of the Council and by supporting the work of others by awarding grants (large and small.)

Highlights is the story of how our values of empowerment, opportunity and inclusion, as well as our mission, "...to advance the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities" come to life. The narrative of people, progress and events make this new edition of [Highlights](#) a celebration as well as an annual report. Enjoy!

Below are some sneak peaks:

Annapolis on May 21st  
Maryland Coalition for  
Inclusive Education  
(MCIE) presents:  
"You're Going to Love  
this Kid!"

Arbutus on May 28th  
Leadership in Advocacy!

The Developmental  
Disabilities  
Administration's  
1st Annual Conference  
on Quality!  
June 16-17  
at the BWI Marriott

### Did you know?

How many states in the  
nation protect the right of  
people with IDD to have  
***life saving organ  
transplants?***

Find the answer in this  
policy brief from [ASAN](#), the  
Autistic Self Advocacy  
Network.

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Transitioning youth initiatives on  
the lower Eastern Shore: "He spoke  
with such poise and confidence I  
couldn't believe it was the same  
young man..."



Champion Senator Ferguson  
calls for high quality child care for  
children with and without  
disabilities.



Partnering with MSDE's  
Division of Special Ed/Early  
Intervention Services  
expanded opportunities for all  
children.



Almost 600 advocates came from  
all over Maryland to rally and  
testify in Annapolis.

### Be a Part of the Story:

Every 5 years we survey adults with developmental disabilities, family  
members and professionals to identify what is working and not  
working in Maryland regarding access to quality services and  
supports.

**Your feedback helps determine where to direct our financial  
resources and advocacy efforts for the next 5 years!**

Very soon, we will be sending a survey out via our list serve and  
distributing hard copies as necessary, in English and in Spanish.

**There are 2 ways you can help:**

- 1) Take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey.**
- 2) Forward and distribute the survey to those who have  
valuable input.**

If you belong to an organization that would like to have a more in  
depth discussion about improving the lives of people with

developmental disabilities and their families, contact us to schedule a brief presentation. [Check out our current Five Year State Plan Goals](#) to see how we responded to your input 6 years ago!

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